

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: 12/12/2016		Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division / South Los Angeles Station		Admin. Invest.? <input type="checkbox"/> HIT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: 016-11957-0370-055		Date: 12/16/2016		Time: 2140 hrs.	
City or Station: South Los Angeles Station		Nature of Incident: Suspect Salas brandished a handgun while running toward Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Honea. Fearing for their safety, Deputy [REDACTED] Shot Suspect Salas.			
Location: [REDACTED] Budlong Avenue Los Angeles, CA. 90044					
Location Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Other:		Lighting (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  Weather (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance: 5-7 Feet		Incident Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot Other:	
Initiated by (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit		Prior Activity (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol		Aero Unit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 6		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0			
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Honea	First Name: Kevin	M.I.: A.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name: [REDACTED]		M.I.: [REDACTED]			
Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]		Zip Code: [REDACTED]	
Last Name: [REDACTED]		M.I.: [REDACTED]			
Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]		Zip Code: [REDACTED]	
Last Name: [REDACTED]		M.I.: [REDACTED]			
Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]		Zip Code: [REDACTED]	
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Lopez	First Name: Jose	M.I.: A.	(check one or more): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:	(check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Dean	First Name: Brandon	M.I.: R.		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Valdez	First Name: Jorge	M.I.: A.		

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# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee									
<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>B</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy Sheriff</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>South LA Station</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>Unit 31F</b>			
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>7-8 Hours</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:			
Age: <b>5</b>	Height: <b>5'10</b>	Weight: <b>250</b>		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:			
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>M&amp;P</b>		Caliber: <b>9MM</b>		# Shots: <b>6</b>		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Age:	Height:	Weight:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:			
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
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Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name			First Name			M.I.	
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# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information																								
S 1	Last Name			Salas			First Name			Jonathan			M.I.			J								
	AKA Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	Sex: M		Race: Hispanic		Street Address:			City:																
	Work Phone:			Home Phone:			Social Security #:			None			Driver's License:											
	Age: 25		D.O.B.: 12/06/91		Height: 5'07"		Weight: 210		FBI #:						CII #:									
	Booking #			4865891			Primary Charge:			2900(a)(1) PC			Secondary Charge:			417(c) PC								
	Coroner Case?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Coroner Case #			N/A			Intoxication/Drug Usage?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Substance Used:			Methamphetamine, Marijuana		
	Armed?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Apprehended?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Mental Illness?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Criminal History?					
	Vehicle Make			Model:			Year:			Parole:			Yes			Probation:			Prior Felony Conviction:			Yes		
				N/A																				
S	Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	AKA Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	Sex:		Race:		Street Address:			City:			State & Zip Code:													
	Work Phone:			Home Phone:			Social Security #:			Driver's License #:														
	Age:		D.O.B.:		Height:		Weight:		FBI #:			CII #:												
	Booking #						Primary Charge:						Secondary Charge:											
	Coroner Case?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Coroner Case #						Intoxication/Drug Usage?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Substance Used:					
	Armed?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Apprehended?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Mental Illness?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Criminal History?			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Vehicle Make			Model:			Year:			Parole:			Probation:			Prior Felony Conviction:								
S	Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	AKA Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	Sex:		Race:		Street Address:			City:			State & Zip Code:													
	Work Phone:			Home Phone:			Social Security #:			Driver's License #:														
	Age:		D.O.B.:		Height:		Weight:		FBI #:			CII #:												
	Booking #						Primary Charge:						Secondary Charge:											
	Coroner Case?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Coroner Case #						Intoxication/Drug Usage?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Substance Used:					
	Armed?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Apprehended?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Mental Illness?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Criminal History?			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Vehicle Make			Model:			Year:			Parole:			Probation:			Prior Felony Conviction:								
S	Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	AKA Last Name						First Name						M.I.											
	Sex:		Race:		Street Address:			City:			State & Zip Code:													
	Work Phone:			Home Phone:			Social Security #:			Driver's License #:														
	Age:		D.O.B.:		Height:		Weight:		FBI #:			CII #:												
	Booking #						Primary Charge:						Secondary Charge:											
	Coroner Case?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Coroner Case #						Intoxication/Drug Usage?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Substance Used:					
	Armed?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Apprehended?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Mental Illness?			<input type="checkbox"/>			Criminal History?			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Vehicle Make			Model:			Year:			Parole:			Probation:			Prior Felony Conviction:								

# SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

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Non-Employee Witnesses			
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Street Address		Zip Code	Work Ph      Home Ph





**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**SHOOTING REVIEW SUMMARY**

**INCIDENT:** On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Injured

**IAB FILE #:** SH2417768

**URN #:** 016-11957-0370-055

**DATE/TIME:** December 12, 2016 / 2140 hours

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044

On December 12, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Rollout Team, comprised of Sergeants [REDACTED] and Lieutenant Roberta Granek, responded to South Los Angeles Station regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting. Jonathan Salas (hereafter referred to as Suspect Salas) sustained six (6) gunshot wounds. He was subsequently transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries. The involved deputies were not injured during the incident.

Homicide Bureau Investigators Eddie Brown, # [REDACTED] and Toni Martinez, # [REDACTED] under the supervision of Lieutenant Jose Mendoza, # [REDACTED] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information regarding the shooting investigation refer to the Homicide Bureau casebook under URN #016-11957-0370-055 [Exhibit A].

On February 25, 2019, this administrative shooting review was reassigned to Sergeant Roger Ballesteros.

**SYNOPSIS**

On December 12, 2016, Deputies [REDACTED] and Kevin Honea were assigned to South Los Angeles Station, working in a marked patrol vehicle as Unit 31F. Deputy Leach, a [REDACTED] was the driver. His [REDACTED] Deputy Honea, was the passenger. Both deputies were wearing Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniforms.

At approximately 2140 hours, Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea were patrolling the "Vermont" area of Los Angeles County when they observed Suspect Salas riding a bicycle west on 89<sup>th</sup> Street from Vermont Avenue.

**IAB Note: The "Vermont" area is the geographical area bordered by Vermont Avenue to the east, Van Ness Avenue to the west, Manchester Boulevard to the north, and El Segundo Boulevard to the south.**

The deputies noticed Suspect Salas' bicycle did not have a forward facing white light, violation 21201 of the California Vehicle Code, and attempted to stop Suspect Salas for the violation. Deputy [REDACTED] drove west on 89<sup>th</sup> Street beside Suspect Salas while Deputy Honea yelled out commands for Suspect Salas to stop his bicycle. Suspect Salas made eye contact with the deputies and upon noticing their presence, began pedaling faster, attempting to evade them.

Suspect Salas turned north on Budlong Avenue and continued riding on the west sidewalk. Deputy [REDACTED] drove parallel to Suspect Salas. Both deputies observed Suspect Salas repeatedly reach into the right-hand side of his front sweatshirt pocket. Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea saw the butt of a black semi-automatic handgun protruding from the right-hand side of Suspect Salas' front sweatshirt pocket. Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea ordered Suspect Salas to stop and show his hands, but Suspect Salas ignored their commands and continued speeding away northbound.

**IAB Note: The area was illuminated by numerous light sources which included residential lights and overhead street lamps. Additionally, Deputy [REDACTED] utilized his spotlight to illuminate Suspect Salas.**

Deputy Honea broadcast over the radio they were in pursuit of an armed suspect on a bicycle. Shortly after the broadcast, Suspect Salas suddenly dropped his bicycle on the sidewalk in an open area between two parked cars. Deputy [REDACTED] stopped the patrol vehicle adjacent to Suspect Salas and parallel to the opening between the two parked cars. Once off the bicycle, Suspect Salas ran between the parked cars and toward the patrol vehicle, which was approximately five to seven feet away. Suspect Salas looked directly at Deputy [REDACTED] and retrieved the handgun out of his sweatshirt pocket while running toward the patrol vehicle. Believing he and his partner were about to be shot, Deputy [REDACTED] fired six rounds, from a seated position inside his vehicle, through the lowered driver's side window. Simultaneously, Deputy Honea exited the patrol vehicle to get a clear line of sight on Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas was struck by Deputy [REDACTED] gunfire, fell to the ground, and dropped the handgun on the street. Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea detained Suspect Salas at gunpoint and requested assistance via their radio.

Deputies Robert Maas and Gerardo Marroquin responded to the assistance request. When they arrived, they observed Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea detaining Suspect Salas at gunpoint. Suspect Salas was lying face down on the street between two parked cars near the west curb, with his head pointed north. A black 9mm semi-automatic handgun and a loaded magazine were within Suspect Salas' reach, at his feet near the curb. The

deputies developed a tactical plan to move Suspect Salas away from the handgun to safely render him first aid.

Deputy Maas took hold of Suspect Salas' upper body and moved him several feet away from the handgun. Deputy Honea searched Suspect Salas and recovered a second loaded magazine from his right pant pocket and a marijuana pipe from his rear pant pocket. Deputy Honea handcuffed Suspect Salas and applied pressure to his wounds while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical personnel.

Suspect Salas sustained six (6) gunshot wounds to his right flank, left thigh, and left buttock. He was subsequently transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

Suspect Salas' weapon, a "Taurus" 9mm semi-automatic handgun, model PT 24/7, was recovered at the scene. Deputy [REDACTED] fired six (6) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his personally owned, Department approved, Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm semiautomatic handgun.

#### **INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY**

[REDACTED] Deputy, # [REDACTED]  
Central Patrol Division / South Los Angeles Station  
Date of Employment: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to South Los Angeles Station: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

#### **Equipment Worn by Deputy [REDACTED]**

Deputy [REDACTED] was wearing a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform with a protective vest. He was wearing a Sam Browne belt containing his Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm firearm, two handcuff cases, baton, radio holder, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, and three magazines.

#### **SUSPECT INFORMATION**

**Jonathan Joel Salas** – Male, Hispanic, DOB: 12/06/1991, 5' 07", 210 lbs.

CII # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED] MAIN # [REDACTED]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Salas had [REDACTED] Suspect Salas' CCHRS Report is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook [EXHIBIT A: Pages 52-63].



## **WITNESS INFORMATION**

### **Employee Witnesses**

Kevin Honea, Deputy, # [REDACTED]  
Robert Maas, Deputy, # [REDACTED]  
Gerardo Marroquin, Deputy # [REDACTED]

### **Civilian Witnesses**

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## **SUSPECT INJURIES**

Suspect Salas sustained six gunshot wounds, (2) gunshots to his right flank, two (2) to his left thigh, and two (2) to his left buttock. He was treated at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center by Doctor Andrea Wu.

**IAB Note: Suspect Salas' medical records were obtained from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center by Homicide Detectives [Exhibit D].**

## **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

None

## **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. The descriptions of the evidence and where it was collected is documented in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 24-28, 39-50, and 73-85]. Scene photographs of the evidence were also taken [Exhibit B, Disk #1].

## **INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS**

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators Robert Kenney, # [REDACTED] and Joe Espino, # [REDACTED]. Forensic Identification Specialists Dominique Enriquez, # [REDACTED] and Yvette Gonzalez, # [REDACTED] assisted Homicide Bureau investigators with the processing of the crime scene. For details, see the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 27 -33]. The scene was photographed [Exhibit B,

Disk #1] and sketched [Exhibit C] by Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau personnel.

#### **WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY LEACH**

Deputy [REDACTED] fired six (6) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his personally owned, Department approved Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic pistol, serial number MPE [REDACTED]. The firearm was examined by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Dominique Enriquez, # [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Lab, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy [REDACTED] weapon was found to be functional, Scientific Services Bureau's Laboratory Examination Report [Exhibit E].

#### **WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT SALAS**

Suspect Salas was armed with a "Taurus" 9mm semi-automatic handgun, model PT 24/7, serial number [REDACTED] black in color. The firearm had a live 9mm round in the chamber, head stamped "WIN 9MM LUGER". It also had an apparent through and through bullet hole in the grip [EXHIBIT A: Pages 32-33]; However, it could not be determined if the hole was caused by the passage of a bullet. The magazine catch/release was not within the firearm [Exhibit F].

One magazine containing seventeen (17) 9mm live rounds was recovered next to Suspect Sala's firearm. A second magazine containing sixteen (16) live 9mm rounds was recovered from Suspect Salas' right front pants pocket. No damage was observed to either magazine.

Suspect Salas' weapon was examined, test fired, and found to be functional, Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Examination Report [Exhibit F].

#### **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

None

#### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS / CHARGES FILED**

The criminal investigation was handled by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. Suspect Salas was charged with one (1) count of exhibiting a firearm in the presence of a peace officer and one (1) count of possession of a firearm by a felon, case number YA095403. Suspect Salas pled no contest to one (1) count of exhibiting a firearm in the presence of a peace officer and was sentenced to three (3) years in state prison. As part of the plea agreement, the possession of a firearm by a felon count was dismissed [Exhibit G].

## **LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The incident took place at approximately 2140 hours. Homicide Bureau Investigators Kenney and Espino noted the scene was illuminated by numerous light sources which included residential lights and overhead street lights. Additionally, upon their arrival at the scene, investigators observed the moon was almost full, with a very thin cloud cover, which also provided ambient lighting [Exhibit A, pages 29-33].

## **STATEMENTS**

*The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recordings and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved Department personnel.*

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]**

#### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On December 13, 2016, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 20-21]. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

#### **Homicide Bureau Round Count**

On December 13, 2016, Homicide Investigators Brown and Martinez conducted a round count of Deputy [REDACTED] firearm at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. The firearm contained a total of twelve (12) rounds, consisting of eleven (11) rounds in the magazine and one (1) round in the chamber. Deputy [REDACTED] fired six (6) rounds from his weapon.

#### **Internal Affairs Bureau Interview**

On May 23, 2019, Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Investigators Sergeants Roger Ballesteros and Michael Maxwell. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On the night of December 12, 2016, Deputy [REDACTED] was partnered with his [REDACTED] Deputy Honea. They were working the Early Morning shift as Unit 31F in a marked black and white patrol vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] was wearing a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform and a full Sam Browne duty belt.

While driving west on 89<sup>th</sup> Street, Deputy [REDACTED] observed Suspect Salas riding a bicycle west on 89<sup>th</sup> Street, mid-block between Vermont Avenue and Budlong Avenue. Suspect Salas was wearing a red "hoodie" and dark colored jeans. Suspect Salas was operating his bicycle at night without any lights or reflectors, in violation of the California

Vehicle Code. Deputy ██████ told Deputy Honea they were going to stop Suspect Salas for the violation. As Deputy ██████ drove between two to three miles per hour, approximately 3 feet away from Suspect Salas, Deputy Honea began giving Suspect Salas verbal commands to stop his bicycle. Suspect Salas turned his head back, looked directly at the deputies "with big eyes", stood up on the bicycle pedals, and began to "pedal away westbound really fast."

Deputy ██████ stated this situation was new to him. He routinely stopped persons on bicycles and, for the most part, the persons comply and stop. Deputies ██████ and Honea had previously discussed bicycle stop tactics and officer safety issues associated with conducting them. Based on Suspect Salas' evasive actions, Deputy ██████ believed Suspect Salas "had something to hide." Deputy ██████ said he knows persons commonly flee from law enforcement because they are armed with a gun, in possession of illegal narcotics, or have outstanding warrants.

Suspect Salas continued pedaling faster and turned north on Budlong Avenue and onto the west sidewalk. He was now closest to Deputy ██████ side of the vehicle as Deputy ██████ maintained a distance of approximately ten to twelve feet. As Suspect Salas rode north on Budlong Avenue, Deputy ██████ saw him "fumbling and reaching" into the front pocket of his "hoodie" and pulling on something. Moments later, Deputy ██████ saw the "butt" of a black handgun protruding from Suspect Salas' pocket. Deputy ██████ was able to see it clearly due to the contrast between the black handgun and Suspect Salas' red sweatshirt.

Deputy ██████ informed Deputy Honea that Suspect Salas had a gun and told him to broadcast over the radio that they had an armed suspect. Deputy Honea immediately broadcast they were in pursuit of a person with a gun and provided their location. Suspect Salas continued north on the sidewalk and reached into his "hoodie" pocket again. Deputy ██████ was able to see the gun again and confirmed to Deputy Honea that Suspect Salas was armed.

Suspect Salas continued riding north while Deputy ██████ ordered him to stop. Deputy ██████ maintained a constant visual of Suspect Salas. Deputy ██████ then heard a sound, which he described as "steel hitting the ground." Suspect Salas appeared to "stumble" off his bicycle, and then ran toward the patrol vehicle. As he advanced toward Deputy ██████ who was seated in his patrol vehicle, Suspect Salas pulled the handgun out of his "hoodie." Suspect Salas looked directly at Deputy ██████ and raised the handgun in his direction. Deputy ██████ slowed his patrol vehicle, and drew his firearm while seated in his vehicle.

Suspect Salas was approximately four to five feet away from Deputy ██████. Deputy ██████ believed Suspect Salas was going to shoot him and Deputy Honea. Fearing for their safety, Deputy ██████ aimed his firearm at Suspect Salas' upper torso, and then fired six rounds, striking Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas fell to the ground and his handgun fell toward his feet, but was within his reach [IAB Transcripts: Page 16-20].

Deputy [REDACTED] immediately confirmed Deputy Honea was not injured, and then broadcast over his radio, they were involved in a shooting and that the suspect was injured. He also requested medical personnel and additional units respond to their location.

Deputy [REDACTED] recognized the emergent need to move Suspect Salas away from his gun in order to prevent him from accessing it and to safely get him medically treated. Once Deputies Maas and Marroquin arrived, they devised a tactical plan to move Suspect Salas away from the handgun. Deputy Maas moved Suspect Salas approximately six feet away from the handgun. Deputy Honea searched Suspect Salas and confirmed he was no longer armed. Deputies then requested fire department personnel to respond and medically treat Suspect Salas. While waiting for fire department personnel, Deputy Honea used towels to apply pressure to Suspect Salas' wounds. Suspect Salas was subsequently transported to the hospital for further medical treatment.

Deputy [REDACTED] did not have any other viable force options at the time of the shooting. Deputy [REDACTED] believed Suspect Salas had an advantage over him and Deputy Honea due to his close proximity to them and the fact Suspect Salas was quickly closing the distance while raising the firearm in their direction. Deputy [REDACTED] believed his only option was to shoot Suspect Salas in order to prevent him from hurting or killing him or Deputy Honea.

IAB Investigators showed Deputy [REDACTED] a Google Maps aerial photograph of the neighborhood around [REDACTED] Budlong Avenue Los Angeles, CA. 90044 [Exhibit H]. Deputy [REDACTED] utilized a marker to depict the route he followed Suspect Salas, beginning at the location he first observed Suspect Salas riding his bicycle and ending at the location of the shooting. IAB Investigators also showed Deputy [REDACTED] two photographs taken on the night of the shooting by crime lab personnel [Exhibit I]. The photographs depict the position where Deputy [REDACTED] patrol vehicle was stopped after the shooting. Deputy [REDACTED] used a marker to indicate the position of Suspect Salas at the time of the shooting.

#### **EMPLOYEE WITNESS KEVIN HONEA:**

##### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On December 13, 2016, Deputy Kevin Honea was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 18-20]. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

##### **Internal Affairs Bureau Interview**

On May 1, 2019, Deputy Honea was interviewed by IAB Investigators Sergeant Roger Ballesteros and Steven Upton. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:



On December 12, 2016, Deputy Honea was partnered with his [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED]. They were working the Early Morning shift as Unit 31F in a marked black and white patrol vehicle. Deputy Honea was wearing a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform and a full Sam Browne duty belt.

While driving west on 89<sup>th</sup> Street from Vermont Avenue, they observed a male riding a bicycle without a forward facing light. Deputy [REDACTED] told Deputy Honea, "Go ahead and stop him." Deputy Honea began giving Suspect Salas verbal commands to stop his bicycle as they drove alongside of him. Suspect Salas turned back, looked directly at the deputies, and began pedaling faster in an attempt to evade them.

Deputy Honea described Suspect Salas' pedaling as "so hard, he was kind of doing the butt off the seat, shaking the handlebars back and forth pedaling." Deputy Honea gave Suspect Salas numerous verbal commands to stop his bike. He was able to maintain a clear view of Suspect Salas due to their close proximity and the lighting provided by streetlights and their vehicle's headlamps. As Suspect Salas fled, he continually reached into his front "jacket" pocket then shifted his hand back to the handlebars. At one point when Suspect Salas shifted his hand from his pocket back to the handlebars, Deputy Honea clearly saw the "back end of a semi-automatic firearm" protruding from Suspect Salas' "jacket" pocket **[IAB Transcripts: Pages 8 and 12]**.

Deputy Honea immediately informed Deputy [REDACTED] that Suspect Salas was reaching for a gun, at which time Suspect Salas turned north on Budlong Avenue. Deputy Honea activated the duplex patch and transmitted emergent radio traffic indicating they were in pursuit of a person with a gun. Suspect Salas continued north, on the west sidewalk as they maintained a distance of approximately ten to fifteen feet from him. Deputy [REDACTED] utilized the vehicle's spotlight to illuminate Suspect Salas and maintain a visual on him.

Suspect Salas rode his bicycle across 88<sup>th</sup> Street and continued north. He approached a clearing between two parked vehicles, where Deputy Honea saw him suddenly throw his bicycle onto the ground and run in their direction. As Suspect Salas came off the bike and began to run, he simultaneously reached into his right front jacket pocket and pulled out the handgun. Deputy Honea saw Suspect Salas drawing the gun up to eye level and believed Suspect Salas was about to shoot him and Deputy [REDACTED] in their vehicle. Although Deputy Honea had his duty weapon in his hand and believed Suspect Salas was about to shoot them, he was unable to shoot Suspect Salas due to Deputy [REDACTED] being on his left side, directly in his line of fire.

Deputy Honea quickly exited the patrol vehicle as it came to a stop. While doing so, he heard approximately four gunshots. When he stepped out past the "A" Pillar of the vehicle and positioned himself near the front right tire, he saw Suspect Salas lying on the ground and Deputy [REDACTED] detaining him at gunpoint. Deputy Honea immediately broadcast over the radio they were involved in a shooting. He saw a black semi-automatic handgun on the ground within Suspect Salas' arms reach.

**IAB Note: The roof support structure on either side of the vehicle's front windshield is known as the "A" Pillar. On a typical sedan, additional pillars are located between the front and rear doors (B Pillar) and on either side of the rear window (C Pillar).**

Once Deputies Maas and Marroquin arrived, Deputy Honea transitioned to the driver's side of the patrol vehicle. Based on the close proximity of the handgun to Suspect Salas, and the need to render medical aid, they formulated a tactical plan to approach Suspect Salas and move him away from the weapon. Deputy Honea was designated as lethal, Deputy Marroquin was designated as less lethal, and Deputy Maas was designated as contact deputy.

They approached Suspect Salas and Deputy Maas pulled him away, creating a safe distance between Suspect Salas and the firearm. During this time, Suspect Salas did not resist and was fully complying with deputies. Once Suspect Salas was a safe distance away from the weapon, Deputy Honea conducted a search of his person, ensured he was no longer armed, and handcuffed him. After Suspect Salas was secured, fire department personnel were cleared to respond and treat Suspect Salas' injuries. While awaiting their arrival, Deputy Honea recovered towels from the trunk of his patrol vehicle and applied pressure to a wound on Suspect Salas' buttocks.

Deputy Honea stated the only other force option available when Suspect Salas began drawing his weapon was to run him over with their vehicle. If Deputy [REDACTED] would have resorted to that option, he would have had to turn their patrol vehicle left toward Suspect Salas, which would have likely caused them to collide with the vehicles parked along the curb [IAB Transcripts: Page 15].

IAB Investigators showed Deputy Honea a Google Maps aerial photograph [Exhibit J] of the neighborhood around [REDACTED] Budlong Avenue Los Angeles, CA. 90044. Deputy Honea utilized a marker to depict the route they pursued Suspect Salas, beginning at the location he first observed Suspect Salas riding his bicycle and ending at the location of the shooting. Investigators also showed Deputy Honea two photographs taken on the night of the shooting by crime lab personnel [Exhibit K]. The photographs depict the position where their patrol vehicle was stopped after the shooting. Deputy Honea used a marker to indicate Suspect Salas's location at the time of the shooting.

## **EMPLOYEE WITNESS ROBERT MAAS:**

### **Internal Affairs Bureau Interview**

On May 1, 2019, Deputy Robert Maas was interviewed by IAB Investigators Sergeant Roger Ballesteros and Sergeant Steven Upton. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 12, 2016, Deputy Maas was a [REDACTED] working on the Early Morning shift as Unit 31 in a marked black and white patrol vehicle. He was partnered with his [REDACTED] Deputy Gerardo Marroquin. Deputy Maas was driving in the area of 105<sup>th</sup> Street and Normandie Avenue when he heard emergent traffic over the radio indicating Unit 31F, Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea, were in pursuit of an armed person on a bike. Soon after, he heard emergent traffic indicating Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea were involved in a shooting.

Deputies Maas and Marroquin responded to their location and arrived approximately thirty seconds later. Upon their arrival, Deputy Maas saw Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea standing outside of their patrol vehicle, detaining Suspect Salas at gunpoint. Deputy Maas saw Suspect Salas lying face down on the ground with his head pointed in a northern direction and his feet in a southern direction. He did not immediately notice any injuries on Suspect Salas. Deputy Maas said Suspect Salas was wearing a "red hooded sweater."

Deputy Maas saw a "black semi-automatic firearm" approximately two feet away from Suspect Salas. The firearm was "very accessible" to Suspect Salas. For the safety of the deputies and the preservation of the scene, the deputies formulated a tactical plan to move Suspect Salas away from the firearm. Deputy Maas was tasked with "going hands-on," Deputy Marroquin was designated less lethal, and Deputy Honea was designated as lethal.

Once each deputy was assigned their task, Deputy Maas approached Suspect Salas and moved him approximately six to eight feet to the east, creating a safe distance between Suspect Salas and the firearm. Deputy Maas did not recall if he pulled Suspect Salas or if Suspect Salas stood up and walked; however, Suspect Salas was compliant and apologetic as he was being moved. Deputy Maas added no deputies used force on Suspect Salas when he was contacted and moved after being shot.

Once separated from the firearm, Deputy Maas noticed Suspect Salas was injured. Deputy Honea searched Suspect Salas then began rendering him aid by applying pressure to one of his wounds. Soon after, fire department personnel arrived, medically treated Suspect Salas, and transported him to the hospital.

#### **EMPLOYEE WITNESS GERARDO MARROQUIN:**

##### **Internal Affairs Bureau Interview**

On May 1, 2019, Deputy Marroquin was interviewed by IAB Investigators Sergeant Roger Ballesteros and Steven Upton. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On December 12, 2016, Deputy Marroquin was a patrol [REDACTED] working the Early Morning shift as Unit 31 in a marked black and white patrol vehicle. He was partnered with his [REDACTED] Deputy Maas. While driving near the area of 107<sup>th</sup> Street

and Normandie Avenue, he heard emergent traffic over the radio. Unit 31F, Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea, advised of an armed person on a bike. Soon after, he heard emergent traffic indicating Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea were involved in a shooting.

Deputies Marroquin and Maas immediately responded to assist Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea. When they arrived, Deputy Marroquin saw Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea outside of their patrol vehicle and Suspect Salas lying face down on the ground. Deputies [REDACTED] and Honea were detaining Suspect Salas at gunpoint. Suspect Salas was wearing a "red hoodie" and blue jeans. Deputy Maas alerted him there was "a gun in the area." After being informed by Deputy Maas, Deputy Marroquin saw a "gun" on the ground, within Suspect Salas' reach.

Deputies quickly devised a tactical plan to move Suspect Salas away from the gun in order to get him medical treatment. Deputy [REDACTED] was assigned to radio communications, Deputy Maas was designated as contact, Deputy Honea was designated as lethal, and Deputy Marroquin was designated as less lethal.

They executed the plan and Deputy Maas moved Suspect Salas approximately six feet away from the gun. Once Suspect Salas was no longer within reach of the gun, Deputy Honea searched him. Deputy Marroquin did not remember whether or not Suspect Salas was resisting as he was being moved. He stated Suspect Salas cooperated with deputies when he was being searched.

After ensuring Suspect Salas was no longer armed, Deputy Honea began rendering him aid by applying pressure to his wounds. Fire department personnel were then cleared to respond and treat Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas was subsequently transported away from the scene by fire department personnel for further medical treatment.

#### **CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS**

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

##### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On December 13, 2016, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. During the interview, Witness [REDACTED] told the investigators he was sleeping inside his vehicle, which was parked approximately fifteen feet from where the shooting occurred. He did not see nor hear the shooting. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 18].

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

##### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On January 16, 2017, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Espino and Kenney. Witness [REDACTED] told investigators on the night of the

incident, December 12, 2016, he arrived at his residence with his family from the grocery store. He parked his car on the street in front of his home and they carried groceries into the home. His [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]), walked out to retrieve more groceries from the car. As he stepped back out of his front door, he heard several gunshots and saw a police car stopped in front of his home. Witness [REDACTED] immediately grabbed his [REDACTED] who was by the front gate, and retreated to the rear of the home. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 35].

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

#### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On January 16, 2017, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Espino and Kenney. Witness [REDACTED] told investigators on the night of the incident, December 12, 2016, she and her family had just arrived home from the grocery store. While inside her home, standing approximately six to eight feet from the open front door, Witness [REDACTED] heard several gunshots and simultaneously saw what she described as "white lights" (muzzle flashes). Witness [REDACTED] and her family retreated to the rear of the home where she was told by her [REDACTED] Witness [REDACTED] the police shot a man outside their home. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 36].

**IAB Note:** During the interview with Homicide Bureau investigators, Witness [REDACTED] spelled her last name as [REDACTED]. However, Homicide Bureau investigators documented her name as [REDACTED] in all of their reports.

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

#### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On January 16, 2017, Witness [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED] and Witness [REDACTED]) was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Espino and Kenney. Witness [REDACTED] told detectives she walked out to their car, which was parked in front of their home, to retrieve groceries. She saw a man riding a bicycle hit their front gate. The man fell off the bicycle and a police officer shot him. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 36-37].

**WITNESS** [REDACTED]

#### **Homicide Bureau Interview**

On January 16, 2017, Witness [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED] and Witness [REDACTED]) was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators



Espino and Kenney. Witness [REDACTED] told investigators she and her family had just arrived home from the grocery store. While inside her home, in the restroom, she heard six or seven gunshots. She later looked outside her home and saw several police. She also saw a man lying on the street and a bicycle laying on the sidewalk. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 36-37].

## **SUSPECT STATEMENTS**

### **SUSPECT JONATHAN JOEL SALAS:**

#### **Homicide Bureau**

Homicide Bureau Investigator Antoinette Martinez, # [REDACTED] conducted an interview with Suspect Salas at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center on December 20, 2016 [Exhibit A, pages 21-23]. Suspect Salas told Homicide Bureau investigators he is a member of the "Florence Gang." He admitted to smoking methamphetamine and marijuana and being "high" when he encountered deputies. Suspect Salas did not comply with the deputies when they told him to stop, because he knew he would go back to jail, since he was under a gang injunction and was violating curfew at the time the deputies attempted to detain him.

As Suspect Salas fled from deputies, he crashed his bike into a fire hydrant and fell "upside down" toward the street. He heard deputies yelling at him to stay on the ground then heard six gunshots, and he was shot. Suspect Salas admitted he had a gun, but did not know where he got it. When asked why he had the gun, he said he did not want anyone to shoot him.

When asked if he intended to shoot the deputy, Suspect Salas replied, "No." Suspect Salas also did not remember having the gun in his hand when he fell to the ground and got shot. His memory faded from the moment he crashed into the fire hydrant and fell off his bicycle.

**IAB Note: This interview was originally recorded on a cassette tape. IAB Investigators had the recording converted into a digital file for purposes of transcription. The sound quality of the interview is poor with several statements being inaudible. The original cassette tape was retained in the Homicide Bureau case file.**

IAB investigators were unable to reach Suspect Salas for an interview. Suspect Salas' contact information was invalid and he did not reply to a certified letter requesting an interview [Miscellaneous Documents].

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION**

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Suspect Salas by Deputy [REDACTED]. In their letter of opinion, dated October 11, 2018, JSID concluded Deputy [REDACTED] acted in lawful self-defense and the defense of another [Exhibit L].